

## [Mrs. F. M. Richmond]

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### FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Bessie Jollensten ADDRESS Ogallala, Neb

DATE Nov. 17, 1938 SUBJECT Mr. & Mrs. Frank Richmond

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. F. M. Richmond herself
2. Date and time of interview Nov. 15, 1938
3. Place of interview In [her?] dinning room, windows in south outside door on west side of room.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant Many of the pioneers had mentioned her to me although I had intended seeing her as I have known her for nearly 28 years.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you No one
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Dinning room between kitchen and front room, windows in south and door in west side of room, couch in northeast corner of room.

### FORM B Personal History of Informant

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Frank Richmond

1. Ancestry Father was born in Connecticut, mother in North Carolina Her mother an American German, her father was English descent.
2. Place and date of birth Brown County, Illinois
3. Family They have 2 children, Mark and Hazel both are married.
4. Place lived in, with dates
5. Education, with dates Rural schools in Quincy Ill., went Peru Normal 1903.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates County Superintendent 9 yr
7. Special skills and interests Church work and teaching etc.
8. Community and religious activities Belongs to Methodist church.
9. Description of informant Weighs about 140 lbs., blue eyes, and quite gray.
10. Other points gained in interview Despite her 71 years of age she still boards and a couple of teachers, from the grade school.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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Frank M. Richmond was born December 1, 1858. Mrs. Richmond was born October 10, 1857. He and his brother Albert, came to North Platte, in 1884, and filed on homesteads

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side by side, one mile west and two miles south of Brule. They built claim holders on each just across the line from each other, and ate in one and slept in the other, these were frame cabins.

Their claims were in School district 19, and the first school in that district was held in the Frank Richmond claimholder, which was after ward turned into a granary.

In 1886 a new frame school building was built, and because of its having a bell, and being the only one in this part of the country, that had a Bell. It was commonly known as the Bell school, which has in recent years been replaced by a fine brick building.

Mr. Richmond taught two terms, in this district and Mrs. Richmond taught two terms, one in 1904 and 1905 and the other in 1905 and 1906.

During the '90's this was quite a social center; people would come for miles to Literary, [Box?] socials, Preaching services, Epworth League services, and many other social events were held here, then came the dry years. People began to leave until they brought the attendance down to two pupils, Mark and Hazel, Richmond, our children.

For a few years we had the only house on a fifteen mile stretch. of road between Big Springs and Ogalalla, Nebraska.

In 1906 we moved to Ogallala and Mrs. Richmond was elected to the office of Superintendent of Keith County Schools, which she held for nine years.

Mrs. Richmond has promised to give me another story about the development of the Keith County Schools, in the near future.